

From: Roy Hollinger
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 1/23/02 8:05pm
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sir or Madam,

As a software professional (Senior Software Developer) I have serious concerns with the proposed settlement with Microsoft. The biggest problem is that the consent decree is in many ways like the 1995 decree, it doesn't really stop Microsoft from doing anything. The definitions that the decree are based on are overly restrictive and narrow.

This proposed decree appears to be written solely by the Microsoft lawyers as it doesn't offer any protections to individuals like me in either my personal or professional life.

I'm also concerned that the decree doesn't have any protection for tools that provide inter operability between operating systems and platforms. The decree appears to give Microsoft the ability to change their SDKs, interfaces and protocols with little effort. This would allow Microsoft to kill tools that exist to provide cross platform communications, such as SAMBA and Wine.

Roy Hollinger
3321 Darrah Ave
Morgantown, WV 26508

--

royholl@cyberjunkie.com

royholl@cyberdude.com

<http://www.geocities.com/SiliconValley/2175/>
<http://members.tripod.com/royholl/>
<http://www.adelphia.net/~royholl/>

Since this is a personal account, I guess the opinions in here are mine.

"Bugs, Mr. Rico! Zillions of 'em! ..."
-Robert A. Heinlein, "Starship Troopers"